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(1) REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest is the assignee of record, InterDigital Technology Corporation.

(2) RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

An Appeal Brief was filed on June 16, 2004 for U.S. Patent Application No. 09/814,346, which this application is a continuation, and a Notice of Appeal was filed on July 22, 2004 for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/077,527, which is also a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/814,346.

(3) STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-16 are the subject of this appeal and are attached in Appendix A. No other claims are pending. Claim 1 was provisionally rejected under judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 19 of co-pending Application No. 09/814,346 and claim 1 of co-pending application No. 10/077,527. Claims 1-16 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over an IEEE publication "Joint Detection with Low Computational Complexity for Hybrid TD-CDMA Systems" by Benvenuto et al. ("Benvenuto et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,719,899 ("Thielecke et al.").[1]

(4) STATUS OF THE AMENDMENTS

A Reply Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 was filed on June 4, 2004, after the April 5, 2004 Final Action. The June 4, 2004 Reply essentially provided arguments as to overcoming the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection and offering to file a terminal disclaimer to overcome the obviousness double patenting rejection, if the 103(a) rejection was

1 In the Final Action and prior Office Action, the Examiner refers to "applicants admitted prior art (hereinafter AAPA)". However, applicants do not admit that all the information provided in the background is "prior art". The information in the background is provided to give a context for the invention and not as an admission that any of the contextual information is publicly known information or would constitute prior art. Applicants may provide information in the background that may not constitute prior art under the requisite statutes or case law, but have

withdrawn. A June 29, 2004 Advisory Action issued maintaining the final rejection of the claims.

(5) SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The invention provides a time division duplex code division multiple access user equipment. Application, page 3, ¶ [0018]. The user equipment receives a plurality of data signals in a time slot and each data signal experiences a similar channel response. Application, page 4, ¶ [0024]. An antenna receives radio frequency signals including the plurality of data signals. Application, page 4, ¶ [0024]. A demodulator demodulates radio frequency signals to produce a baseband signal. Application, page 4, ¶ [0022]. A channel estimation device estimates the similar channel response at a multiple of a chip rate of the combined signal. Application, pages 4-5, ¶¶ [0022] and [0025]. A data detector device constructs a channel response matrix representing a channel of the data signals or a channel correlation matrix based on in part the estimated channel response. Application, pages 8-11, ¶¶ [0035]-[0043], [0046] and [0047]. A spread data vector is determined based on in part a fast fourier transform (FFT) decomposition of a circulant version of the channel response or channel correlation matrix. Application, pages 12 and 15-16, ¶¶ [0046] and [0058]. The spread data vector is despread to recover data of the received combined signal. Application, page 11, ¶ [0044].

(6) ISSUES[2]

(1) Do claims 1-16 meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being patentable over Benvenuto et al. in view of Thielecke et al.?

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provided the information to place the application in better context.

2 The claims were also provisionally rejected under obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants are willing to submit a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome that rejection, if the claims are otherwise deemed allowable. However, Applicant does not wish to file the Disclaimer at this time, in case the claims are not deemed otherwise allowable or

(7) GROUPING OF CLAIMS

The claims on appeal consist of two groups. Claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 are in Group 1 and claim 1 is the representative claim. Claims 3-8 and 11-16 are in Group 2 and claim 3 is the representative claim.

(8) ARGUMENT

Background

This application (U.S. Patent Application No. 10/077,509) was filed on February 15, 2002 and is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/814,346, filed on August 24, 2001, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/266,932 , filed February 6, 2001 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/268,587, filed February 15, 2001.

Issue (1): Do claims 1-16 meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being patentable over Benvenuto et al. in view of Thielecke et al.?

Benvenuto et al. uses a matrix A in the equalization and not a channel response matrix or a channel correlation matrix to determine a spread data vector, as recited in the claims. The structure of the A matrix is illustrated on page 619 of Benvenuto et al. as follows:

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amendments are made in the present or related applications making that rejection moot.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1^{(1)} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & b_1^{(U)} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ b_2^{(1)} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & & b_2^{(U)} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_{Q+1}^{(1)} & b_1^{(1)} & \cdots & 0 & & b_{Q+1}^{(U)} & b_1^{(U)} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & & & \vdots & & & \\ b_{Q+L-1}^{(1)} & \vdots & & \vdots & & b_{Q+L-1}^{(U)} & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ 0 & & \cdots & 0 & & 0 & & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & b_1^{(1)} & & \vdots & & & b_1^{(U)} \\ & b_{Q+L-1}^{(1)} & & \vdots & \cdots & & b_{Q+L-1}^{(U)} & & \vdots \\ & \vdots & & & & & \vdots & & \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & b_{Q+L-2}^{(1)} & & 0 & 0 & \cdots & b_{Q+L-2}^{(U)} \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & b_{Q+L-1}^{(1)} & & 0 & 0 & \cdots & b_{Q+L-1}^{(U)} \end{bmatrix}$$

The "b" elements of that matrix are a convolution of the channel response of each user "g" and the specific signature sequence (chip code) "c" as described on page 619 of Benvenuto as follows:

> as $\mathbf{d}^{(u)}$. Each data symbol is spread with a user-specific signature sequence
>
> $$\mathbf{c}^{(u)} = [c_1^{(u)}, c_2^{(u)}, \ldots, c_Q^{(u)}]^T, \quad u = 1, \ldots, U, \quad (1)$$
>
> . . .
>
> In the up-link the signal of each user passes through a different mobile channel characterized by its impulse response
>
> $$\mathbf{g}^{(u)T} = [g_1^{(u)}, g_2^{(u)}, \ldots, g_L^{(u)}], \quad u = 1, \ldots, U, \quad (4)$$
>
> whose samples are taken at chip interval T_C. The combined effect of spreading and channel is represented by the convolution:
>
> $$\mathbf{b}^{(u)} = \mathbf{g}^{(u)} * \mathbf{c}^{(u)} = [b_1^{(u)}, b_2^{(u)}, \ldots, b_{Q+L-1}^{(u)}]^T. \quad (5)$$

Following the approach of Klein *et al.* [4], the components of the vectors $\mathbf{b}^{(u)}$, $u = 1, \ldots, U$ are arranged in a system matrix of dimension $(NQ + L - 1) \times UN^1$ shown at the top of the page.

Accordingly, the A matrix has elements of the code sequence and the channel responses. The proposed receiver of Benvenuto to al. can be modeled on page 620 of Benvenuto as follows:

$$\mathbf{r} = (\mathbf{A}^{H}\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{H}\mathbf{e} \qquad (9)$$

$$= \mathbf{d} + (\mathbf{A}^{H}\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{H}\mathbf{n}. \qquad (10)$$

d as described on page 619 of Benvenuto is the data vector **d**. Using the above equation, the estimation of **d** would be modeled as $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{r} - (A^{H}A)^{-1}A^{H}\mathbf{n}$. As a result, Benvenuto et al. discloses using the A matrix in a direct approach to estimate the data, **d**.

The present invention uses either a channel response matrix (Group 1) or a channel correlation matrix (Group 2) to determine a spread data vector. The spread data is a combination of the data and the spreading codes, as shown in the application on Page 11, ¶¶ [0041] and [0042], in part. As illustrated in Equation 17, the spread data vector $\underline{s}$ is a vector multiplication of the code vector **C** and the data vector $\underline{d}$. Accordingly, the use of the channel response matrix (Group 1) or cross channel correlation matrix (Group 2) and despreading is not disclosed by Benvenuto et al.

Furthermore, Benvenuto et al. does not even utilize a circulant version of the A or even $A^{H}A$ matrix, in contrast with a circulant version of the channel response matrix or the channel correlation matrix, as recited in the claims. Benvenuto et al. partitions the $A^{H}A$ matrix into many sub-matrices "T", as follows on page 620.

The idea is to partition the matrix $\mathbf{A}^{H}\mathbf{A}$ into U^2 Toeplitz $N \times N$ submatrices $\tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{i,j}$ of the form:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{i,j} = \begin{bmatrix} t_0 & t_{-1} & \cdots & t_{-m} & \cdots & 0 \\ t_1 & t_0 & & t_{-m+1} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & & t_{-m} \\ t_m & t_{m-1} & & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & & & t_0 & t_{-1} \\ 0 & \cdots & t_m & \cdots & t_1 & t_0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (15)$$

Each of these sub-matrices is approximated as a circulant matrix. A diagonal matrix is derived from each approximated circulant matrix, as follows at Benvenuto et al., page 620.

> If $[t_0, t_1, \ldots, t_{-m+1}, t_{-m}]^T$ is the first column of the circulant matrix $\mathbf{T}_{i,j}$, we introduce the $N \times N$ diagonal matrix
>
> $$\Gamma_{i,j} = N\text{diag}\{\text{DFT}[t_0, t_1, \ldots, t_{-m+1}, t_{-m}]\}. \quad (17)$$

The A^HA matrix is approximated using these diagonal matrices, as follows at Benvenuto et al., page 620.

$$\mathbf{A}^{H}\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{N^2}\mathbf{F}_{M}^{H}\begin{bmatrix} \Gamma_{1,1} & \Gamma_{1,2} & \cdots & \Gamma_{1,U} \\ \Gamma_{2,1} & \Gamma_{2,2} & & \Gamma_{2,U} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Gamma_{U,1} & \Gamma_{U,2} & \cdots & \Gamma_{U,U} \end{bmatrix}\mathbf{F}_{M}$$
$$= \frac{1}{N^2}\mathbf{F}_{M}^{H}\Gamma\mathbf{F}_{M} \quad (20)$$

By contrast, the claims recite a circulant approximation of either the channel response matrix or the cross channel correlation matrix. As described in the specification, in part, at page 14, ¶¶ [0052] and [0062]. Applicants respectfully submit that one skilled in the art would not construe a circulant matrix as being a matrix having many circulant partitions.

Additionally, the circulant approximation creates an error (approximation error). In the present claims, this approximation error is limited, since the approximation is to the channel response or channel correlation matrix and limted to the far corners of the matrices. In Benvenuto et al., the approximation is repeated and throughout the A^HA approximated matrix. As a result, the Benvenuto et al. approximation has a more spread out (less isolated) approximation error, making correction of the approximation error extremely difficult, if at all possible.

Additionally, representative claims 1 and 3 recite multiple chip rate sampling. Benvenuto et al. does not disclose such sampling. Furthermore, applying multiple chip rate sampling to Benvenuto et al. changes the matrix structures in Benvenuto et al. preventing the application of the equalization technique described in that application. To illustrate, multiple chip rate sampling, such as at twice the chip rate, produces a received vector **r** and channel responses "g" of twice the length. One dimension of the various matrices of Benvenuto et al would be doubled in length. Furthermore, the Toeplitz structure of each partition would not exist, since an additional column would be inserted next to each column of the A matrix on page 619. Accordingly, the approach of Benvenuto et al. can not be applied to multiple chip rate sampling.

In the preceding, a comparison of the elements of Groups 1 and 2 were contrasted with the Benvenuto et al. reference, in some instances in the alternative. Although applicant believes for the above reasons that the claims of both Group 1 and Group 2 are allowable, it is respectfully requested that each group be considered separately.

Thielecke et al. is only cited for showing an antenna and demodulator are known in the art. However, that reference does not disclose taking a circulant version of a channel response or channel correlation matrix at all or following the processing of the circulant matrix by a despreader. Accordingly, the Benvenuto et al. and Thielecke et al. combination does not teach or suggest the present invention.

(9) CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, pending claims 1-16 meet the requirements 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Accordingly, the final rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be reversed. After reversal, Applicant is willing to file a terminal disclaimer to overcome the provisional obviousness-double patenting rejection and, after filing the disclaimer respectfully requests that the pending claims be passed to allowance.

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APPENDIX A
(PENDING CLAIMS OF U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/077,509)

1. A time division duplex using code division multiple access user equipment, the user equipment for receiving a plurality of data signals in a time slot, each data signal experiencing a similar channel response, the user equipment comprising:

an antenna for receiving radio frequency signals including the plurality of data signals;

a demodulator for demodulating radio frequency signals to produce a baseband signal;

a channel estimation device for estimating the similar channel response at a multiple of a chip rate of the combined signal; and

a data detector device for constructing a channel response matrix representing a channel of the data signals based on in part the estimated channel response, determining a spread data vector based on in part a fast fourier transform (FFT) decomposition of a circulant version of the channel response matrix, and despreading the spread data vector to recover data from the received combined signal.

2. The user equipment of claim 1 wherein the multiple of the chip rate is twice the chip rate.

3. A time division duplex using code division multiple access user equipment, the user equipment receiving a plurality of data signals in a time slot, each data signal experiencing a similar channel response, the user equipment comprising:

an antenna for receiving radio frequency signals including the plurality of data signals;

a demodulator for demodulating radio frequency signals to produce a baseband signal;

a channel estimation device for estimating the similar channel response; and

a data detector device for constructing a channel correlation matrix representing a channel of the data signals based on in part the estimated channel response, determining a spread data vector based on in part a fast fourier transform (FFT) decomposition of a

circulant version of the channel correlation matrix, and despreading the spread data vector to recover data from the received combined signal.

4. The user equipment of claim 3 wherein the combined signal is sampled at a multiple of a chip rate of the combined signal and the sampled combined signal is input into the channel estimation and data detector device.

5. The user equipment of claim 4 wherein the multiple of the chip rate is twice the chip rate.

6. The user equipment of claim 3 wherein the combined signal is sampled at a chip rate of the combined signal and the sampled combined signal is input into the channel estimation and data detection device.

7. The user equipment of claim 3 wherein the FFT decomposition is performed using a permuted first row of the channel correlation matrix.

8. The user equipment of claim 3 wherein the FFT decomposition is performed using a defining row of the channel correlation matrix.

9. A time division duplex using code division multiple access user equipment, the user equipment for receiving a plurality of data signals in a time slot, each data signal experiencing a similar channel response, the user equipment comprising:

means for receiving a combined signal over the shared spectrum in the time slot, the combined signal comprising the plurality of data signals;

means for sampling the combined signal at a multiple of a chip rate of the combined signal;

means for estimating the similar channel response;

means for determining a spread data vector based on in part a fast fourier transform (FFT) decomposition of a circulant version of the channel response matrix; and

means for despreading the spread data vector to recover data from the channel response matrix.

10. The user equipment of claim 9 wherein the multiple of the chip rate is twice the chip rate.

11. A time division duplex using code division multiple access user equipment, the user equipment receiving a plurality of data signals in a time slot, each data signal experiencing a similar channel response, the user equipment comprising:

means for receiving a combined signal over the shared spectrum in the time slot, the combined signal comprising the plurality of data signals;

means for estimating the similar channel response;

means for constructing a channel correlation matrix based on in part the estimated channel response;

means for determining a spread data vector based on in part a fast fourier transform (FFT) decomposition of a circulant version of the channel correlation matrix; and

means for despreading the spread data vector to recover data from the received combined signal.

12. The user equipment of claim 11 wherein the combined signal is sampled at a multiple of a chip rate of the combined signal and the sampled combined signal is input into the estimating and determining means.

13. The user equipment of claim 12 wherein the multiple of the chip rate is twice the chip rate.

14. The user equipment of claim 11 wherein the combined signal sampled at a chip rate of the combined signal and the sampled combined signal is input into the estimating and determining means.

15. The user equipment of claim 11 wherein the FFT decomposition is performed using a permuted first row of the channel correlation matrix.

16. The user equipment of claim 11 wherein the FFT decomposition is performed using a defining row of the channel correlation matrix.